

are seeking solutions to this terrible crisis, I am introducing this bill in an effort to formulate a long-term energy plan.

The Energy Efficient Buildings Incentives Act will provide tax incentives for the construction of energy efficient buildings. Structures of this nature could potentially cut energy usage by as much as 50 percent. This would result in a nearly 6 percent reduction in air emissions over the next 10 years—equivalent to taking 40 percent of the automobiles off the road.

The bill will offer tax incentives to encourage the production and sale of technologically advanced, energy-efficient buildings and equipment. The legislation is structured to promote the creation of competitive markets for new technologies and designs that are not widely available today, but have the possibility of being cost effective to the consumer in the future. The incentives will apply to:

Efficient new residential buildings that save 30 percent to 50 percent in energy costs compared to national model codes, including a higher incentive for higher savings.

Efficient heating, cooling, and water heating equipment that reduce emissions and peak electric loads by about 20 percent (lower incentives) and 30 percent–50 percent (higher incentives) compared to national standards.

Efficient commercial buildings with 50 percent energy and power cost savings.

Residential-scale solar hot water and photovoltaic equipment.

The design and administration for these energy efficient structures is based on the track record of successful state programs over the past decade. Buildings account for some 35 percent of air pollution emissions nationwide, and cost their owners over \$250 billion a year in energy costs. They also contribute to well over half of peak electric power demand. If enacted promptly the incentives in this bill will begin to mitigate electric peak reliability problems by the summer of 2001.

This bill will help both families and businesses reduce annual energy costs, saving over \$80 billion in present value over the next decade. Energy costs of businesses are tax deductible under current law, so reductions in energy costs means billion of dollars in saving to the Federal government.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the energy Efficient Buildings Incentives Act. Together we can provide for a cleaner environment and help reduce energy needs, thus postponing the need for building new power plants as well as helping to save our environment.

#### THE ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS INCENTIVES ACT

Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense, Consumer's Choice Council, U.S. PIRG, World Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, American Oceans Campaign, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc., Michigan Environmental Council, Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy, American Rivers, and World Wildlife Fund.

ENRON, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, PacificCorp, Northern California Power Agency, CA Municipal Utilities Association, and Northeastern Public Power Association.

American Portland Cement Alliance, Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Foamed Polystyrene Alliance, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association, Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association, American Energy Technologies, American Solar Energy, and Energy Conservation Services of North Florida.

National Association of State Energy Officials, Home Builders Association of Central Vermont, Inc., Insulation Contractors Association of America, California Building Industry Association, California Association of Building Energy Consultants, National Council of the Housing Industry, National Association of State Energy Officials, and Florida Solar Energy Industries Association.

Union of Concerned Scientists, National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, National Environmental Trust, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Global Green USA, Friends of the Earth, Alliance to Save Energy, League of Conservation Voters, American Oceans Campaign, Consumer's Choice Council, National Environmental Trust, and Izaak Walton League of America.

Massachusetts Electric, Southern California Edison, Montana Power, California ISO, Sempra Energy, City of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Water & Power.

Siemens Solar Industries, TRANE, Climatic-Solar Corp., Energy Partners, Solar Systems of Florida, AllSolar Service Company Inc., Solar-Fit, and Solar Source.

National Insulation Association, California Energy Commission, Florida Solar Energy Center, Solar Energy Industries Association, California Air Resources Board, and Manufactured Housing Assoc.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEAN N. CHAMBERLAIN

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2001*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I reflect on the outstanding accomplishments of Ms. Jean Chamberlain, as she is honored by the Oak Park Business & Education Alliance of Oak Park, Michigan.

The Oak Park Business & Education Alliance is dedicated to the empowerment of urban schools. Their decision to honor Jean is a reflection of her long-time dedication to the communities of South Oakland County.

For over 40 years, Jean has been a resident of Royal Oak, Michigan. She began her public career after raising a family. Her valuable leadership has helped bring together the cities, the county government and local businesses of southern Oakland County.

Since March of 1993, Jean Chamberlain has served as the first and only South Oakland Governmental Liaison. She previously acted as the Executive Manager of the Greater Royal Oak and Oak Park Chambers of Commerce. She continues to work with a variety of organizations including the Woodward Dream Cruise Board of Directors; the Eight Mile Boulevard Association; and the Salvation Army Advisory Council, among others.

Her tireless work resulted in the Michigan Women's Commission naming her, in 1998, as

one of the 20 most outstanding women in Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my salute to an exceptional leader, Jean Chamberlain. I wish her continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2001*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during Rollcall vote No. 16, on February 27, 2001 on H. Con. Res. 39 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES ROCKY L. PETERSON FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2001*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I speak to recognize Rocky Peterson for his dedication to the cause of social justice for Central New Jersey. I join with the Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce in recognizing the achievements Rocky has made fighting prejudice as an active member of his community and a positive contributor to our society.

Mr. Peterson is a Partner at the Princeton law firm of Hill Wallack, where he serves as the partner-in-charge of the School and Municipal Law practice group. Mr. Peterson concentrates his practice in general litigation, municipal law and labor and employment issues on behalf of both public entities and educational organizations.

Throughout his distinguished career a lawyer Rocky Peterson has been a tireless advocate for central New Jersey's diverse communities. Mr. Peterson is an active member in many local professional and community organizations. He takes special interest in the arts as a founder and organizer of the Trenton Jazz Festival.

Once again, I applaud the efforts of Rocky Peterson and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his steadfast commitment to serving our community.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER INCENTIVE ACT

#### HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2001*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation entitled the "IRA Charitable Rollover Incentive Act of 2001". This is one of three bills I am introducing today to correct certain peculiarities in the tax code that discourage charitable giving. I introduced a similar bill in the 106th Congress, which garnered